The Christian Right in American Literature and Culture

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The rise of the Christian Right has been one of the most important transformations of the U.S. religious landscape in the last half-century. This lecture examines the ways American literature has responded to this social and political empowerment – often critically, occasionally incredulously, and sometimes with misunderstanding. It goes on to explore what fundamentalist Christian fiction can tell us about the ideas, politics, and sometimes unresolved theological tensions of the Christian Right itself.

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